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Combined Forces Air Component Command Airpower Statistics

Highlighted Decisive Airpower article:
Just passing through: Bagram terminal busiest in DoD
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455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

12/30/2012 - BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan -- It could be a father going home on emergency leave. It could be a general arriving for an official visit. It could even be a whole Army division on its way to relieve their comrades in the field.

Whoever they are and where ever they need to go, the 455 Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron stands ready to send them on their way.

"Our daily mix of passengers is people coming TDY in and out, the R&R passengers and our space-[required] passengers that are trying to get to their onward locations," said Capt. Heather Higley, officer-in-charge of the 455th EAPS passenger terminal.

The 455th EAPS moves the highest number of passengers in the Department of Defense, with 1,200 passing through its doors on an average day. On September 8, the terminal set a record when they processed 2,200 passengers in a single day.

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan --Servicemembers board a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III here Dec. 28, 2012. The re-deployers are processed for their flight through the 455th Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron which has the highest number of passengers in the Department of Defense. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Chris Willis)

Part of that high number came from troops rotating in and out of theater, said Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Giordano, passenger terminal superintendent.

"With the 81st Airborne [Division] that was here before, we were talking about in a two-month period about 20 to 25 flights of cargo and passengers," Giordano said.

When passengers arrive, the EAPS is responsible for getting them and their baggage off the aircraft and to the terminal, where they are either released to their units or prioritized for onward travel. Capt. Higley noted that, unlike at home station, here the terms space-available and space-required are used interchangeably, as all passengers without a unit line number assigning them to a specific aircraft can only check in to travel to a specific destination.

They then have to wait for the next available flight according to their reason for travel, with those going on emergency leave receiving top priority.

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Combined Forces Air Component Commander 2007-2012 Airpower Statistics

As of 31 December 2012

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM/International Security Assistance Force Close Air Support Number of Weapon Releases Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Total Sorties with at least Sorties 163 203 364 465 456 442 386 445 254 541 238 208 4,165 27,815 one weapon release 2009 Afghanistan 157 154 175 197 300 457 325 416 740 1,043 866 272 5,102 1,733 2009 2010 32,928 405 341 337 339 426 610 695 516 597 663 308 174 5,411 2011 Combined Air and Space Operations Center 2010 1,818 34,286 United States Air Forces Central Command 2011 171 116 227 252 406 521 507 588 393 2011 1,983 2012 28,471 2012 1,579 - Some figures may have changed due to data re-calculation and re-verification 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 11,202 18,898 38,198 34,937 16,193 28,747 Intel, Surveillance and Recon Sorties **Airlift Sorties** 56,179 51,945 52,905 63,324 58,914 37,611 Airlift Cargo (Short Tons) 270,007 251,738 264,839 298,079 230,230 240,656 **Airlift Passengers** 1,177,533 1,269,710 1,301,740 1,369,002 1,114,376 730,358 Combined Data **OEF Supplies Airdropped (Pounds)** 8,182,066 16,576,297 32,267,606 60,400,000 75,956,235 36,365,283 17,296 15,875 18,361 17,465 19,469 16,007 **Tanker Sorties** Fuel Offloaded (Millions of Pounds) 946 1,106 1,076 1,050 1,095 980 **Aircraft Refueled** 79,798 86,288 82,095 82,603 90,476 67,020 3,712 2,959 2,171 **Casualty Evacuation Sorties** 1,888 1,611 1,187 **Assists** 2,964 2,121 1,646 - Data not available POC: AFCENT (CAOC) Public Affairs - DSN 318-436-1624

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